

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A locking device for an extension pipe of a vacuum cleaner, for removably supporting the extension pipe of a brush assembly being selectively connected to an operation handle of a flexible hose assembly which is connected to a cleaner body, the locking device comprising:

a holder comprising a first and a second connection parts formed at both ends, and a locking hole in correspondence to a fixing hole formed in the extension pipe, the first and the second connection parts being connected to the operation handle and the extension pipe, respectively, and the locking hole being formed at a side of the second connection part;

a cap connected to an outer surface of the second connection part of the holder, and comprising an elastic locking member integrally formed therein and elastically biased toward the locking direction, the elastic locking member having a hook protruded from the inside of the holder through the locking hole into the second connection part and inserted in the fixing hole of the extension pipe through the locking hole to thereby lock the extension pipe; and

an unlocking lever pivotally disposed on the outer surface of the holder to be pivoted on an axis, and comprising an operation end being connected with a free end of the elastic locking member and separating the hook from the fixing hole of the extension pipe and a user operation button part extended from the operation end.

2. (original) The locking device of claim 1, wherein there is provided a first bracket integrally formed on the holder to support the axis.

3. (original) The locking device of claim 1, wherein there is provided a second bracket integrally formed on the cap to support the axis.

4. (currently amended) The locking device of claim 1, wherein there are provided together a third bracket integrally formed on the cap to support the axis and a fourth brackets integrally formed on the holder to support the axis ~~in a crossing manner on the holder and the cap, respectively, to support the axis.~~

5. (original) The locking device of claim 1, wherein the holder is configured in the form of a hollow pipe.

6. (original) The locking device of claim 1, further comprising an elastic member for elastically biasing the elastic locking member in a locking direction.

7. (original) The locking device of claim 6, wherein the elastic member is a compression coil spring.